Open Doors originated in 1955, when a young Dutchman started smuggling Bibles to the persecuted Christians in Communist Europe. He became known as [Brother Andrew](https://www.opendoorsus.org/about/brother-andrew/), and his work led to [more than six decades of support for the persecuted church](https://www.opendoorsus.org/about/our-history/)

Today, Open Doors works in more than 70 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer persecution and discrimination for their faith. Our national bases in 25 countries work to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilizing prayer, support, and action among Christians. [More: how we help.](https://www.opendoorsus.org/en-US/about/how-we-help/)